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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 133, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1998. See the American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

10/039,635

Filing Date

January 2, 2002

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Group Art Unit

2881

Examiner Name

Philip A. Johnston

Attorney Docket Number

Y0R920010319US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective as May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.33 (a) (PTO/SB/30) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Prosecution Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50082 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14825 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 31, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0510

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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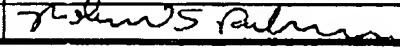
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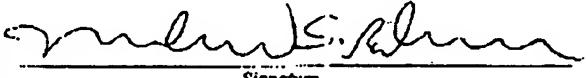
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Applicant(s): Black, et al.				Docket No. Y0R920010319US1	
Application No. 10/039,635	Filing Date January 2, 2002	Examiner Phillip A. Johnston	Customer No. 29154	Group Art Unit 2881	Confirmation No.
Invention: SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPY TIPS COMPOSED OF NANOPARTICLES AND METHODS TO FORM SAME					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
<p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	37	20	17	x \$18.00	\$306.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8	3	5	x \$86.00	\$430.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$736.00
<p><input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0510 in the amount of \$736.00 <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p>					
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Dated: June 25, 2004					
<p>Mohammad S. Rahman, Esq. Registration No. 43,029 McGinn & Gibb, PLLC 2568-A Riva Road, Suite 304 Annapolis, MD 21401 (301) 261-8625</p>					
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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2001

Application or Docket Number

10/039635

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS			
FOR		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	37	minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8	minus 3 =	*
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	370.00	OR BASIC FEE	740.00
X\$ 9 =		OR X\$18 =	30.00
X42 =		OR X84 =	430.
+140 =		OR +280 =	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	736.

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X42 =		OR X84 =	
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+140 =		OR +280 =	
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